

## Our Washington Letter.

The Weather—Visitors to the City—District of Columbia League Banquet—Ambassador to Austria-Hungary—The Stated Bill—Panama Canal Food Contract—The Smoot Trial—When Senator Tillman Speaks—The Age Tenure Act.

(From our regular correspondent.)  
For three weeks we have experienced all kinds of weather, with many frequent changes, from quite cold days to bright sunny ones. A Vermont farmer remarked "these light snowstorms," we have occasionally had, "are Vermont sugar-snows," while a Chicago lawyer, who arrived in a rainstorm with a strong chilly wind blowing, exclaimed, "regular Chicago weather." One of the pleasant features in going round Washington is to notice how quickly the moisture dries up on the sidewalks; one morning the ground may be white with snow and the next day the streets are perfectly dry and clean. You do not suffer from the slush on the sidewalks as in New York and Boston.

This is the time when hundreds of tourists are making excursions to this city from all parts of the country, while Congress is in session. We met a party last week from Ohio, of 140, who were enjoying their visit of a week here and many also from New England have been here; a party of 200 students from New Hampshire and soon a company are expected from Vermont. "The Races" are bringing hundreds of persons, many of a very undesirable class; every day the police report losses of pocketbooks, watches and shopping bags in the department stores or on the streets, while sneak-thieves steal into houses and carry off overcoats and clothes.

The agricultural department is authority for the large amount of butter exported from this country, which is on the increase. In Jan. 1906, the exports exceeded 5,000,000 pounds, or about one-third of the amount for the year 1905.

It is now currently rumored that the next chairman of the Republican campaign committee will be Rep. J. S. Sherman of New York, and Rep. J. A. Tawney of Minnesota, will be vice chairman. It is expected that on April 21, the District of Columbia League of Republican State Clubs will give a banquet at Masonic Hall, and they hope to have guests and speakers from every state in the union.

By the Foraker amendment, the government is to pay for marking the graves of the confederates buried in the north. Col. W. T. Beasley of Plymouth, N. C., has written Sen. Taft, offering his services without being paid a commission. He is said to be the youngest person, who had charge of a confederate regiment during the Civil War.

Charles S. Frances of Troy, N. Y., has been appointed by the President, Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, to succeed Bellamy Storer of Ohio. Various reports are current because Mrs. Storer is an aunt of Rep. Longworth, son-in-law of the President. It is said that Mr. Storer desired a post of more importance, but there were no vacancies and the President did not wish to remove other ambassadors to create a vacancy; but it is stated the pleasant relations between the President and other parties have not been disturbed. Mr. Storer thinks of making his home in France.

Referring to the statehood bill Speaker Cannon asked if his record for the past 30 years, of endeavor for his constituents, and the interest of the government did not count for anything. Why did not the public believe that he was a square man, and not credit every lying statement about him.

Senator Morgan aided by the Florida senator, Taliferro, brought out some important facts in the examination of Jacob E. Markels, about the food contract on the Panama Canal. They learned that the only difference in feeding the hogs and the men was that one ate out of troughs and the other from dishes. Chairman Shouts had awarded Markels the contract in preference to Hudgins and Dumas of New York, who had put in bids. The committee of senators were much surprised at the deductions and figures which the Florida senator had worked out on the basis of the bids offered. He computed the amount for five years and found that it would cost \$281,200 more for Markels' contract than for that of Hudgins and Dumas. He continued if by July 1, they had 20,000 men at work on the silver rolls, and 3,200 on the gold rolls, on the isthmus, computing on the same basis, Markels' contract would in five years cost \$3,792,000 more than the one offered by Hudgins and Dumas. This may be examined more fully when it comes before the House committee.

In the meantime the committee are listening to the opinions of prominent engineers, in reference to their preference for the sea level canal over the lock system. There are 12 members on the Senate committee on interoceanic canals and one can readily see that it is a very important one, because it involves the consideration of investments of money of a great amount. It was said early in the season that Sen. Taft and the minority committee of the board of consulting engineers favored a lock canal of 85 feet. Prof. William H. Burr estimated that it would cost \$189,000,000, taking nine years to build it; while a sea level canal would cost nearly \$275,000,000 occupying 10 years. Both the engineers, Prof. Burr and Prof. William B. Parsons, favor the sea level canal. One of the engineers affirms that if a lock canal were built and afterwards they wished to change it to a sea level one, it would cost \$350,000,000. The minority board made a lower estimate, thinking a lock canal would cost \$139,000,000, taking nine years, and a sea level \$272,000,000, and it would require between 12 and 13 years. The former chief engineer of the canal, John F. Wallace, gave his ideas to the committee. He believes in a straight sea level canal as the most valuable. The only question is how much money is the Government willing to spend and how

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much time to allow in its construction. He took the Suez canal for a basis of estimates and thought that a saving would be gained by the employment of the Panama route, of perhaps \$10,000,000 a year, and that would allow them to expend \$300,000,000 which would build a sea level canal. He doubted if Congress would endorse a lock canal as wise or safe with a head of water 85 feet, across such a soil and valley, like that at Chagres at Gatun with two sub-gorges, which have been filled with masses of gravel brought down by mountain streams; a lock canal in a few years might not bear the great strain on it, but it is decided to build one, it should have a dam at Gamboa, where it is known there is a primary rock foundation at no great depth. It is also important to make use of the Panama railroad, while building the canal, and there was no use to keep a corporation in New York, but better "to have a single railway manager on the isthmus," and thus save much expense. An advocate of the lock canal has been before the commission.

A delegation of manufacturers of cement have petitioned President Roosevelt to use his influence to have American cement contracted for by the government in the building of the Panama canal. As the United States government is paying 25 cents a word on the messages to the isthmus, Sen. Taft has asked the senate military committee to make an appropriation of \$927,000 to lay a military cable by way of Key West and Porto Rico to the isthmus.

The conferees having the statehood bill under discussion, it is thought, will soon be able to report some agreement.

The hearing of the Smoot trial has been quite an expense to the government, including expense of witnesses, reports, etc., which amounts to \$23,000. The women's societies of the National organization paid \$5,000 for the service of John G. Carlisle of New York, besides the fee paid to Judge Robert W. Taylor of Ohio last year, before he left to become a federal judge there. Senator Reed Smoot of Utah and the Protestants paid for the lawyers' fees. Various senators in Congress are seriously objecting to the many serious charges and slanders current in many papers and magazines, about "the Senate," as if they were millionaires and cared nothing for the interests of their constituents, nor the country at large. They feel that such sweeping charges against the whole senate is doing them a great injustice and lowering the estimate of character and patriotism. It is claimed that some of the senators could realize great sums of money in law if they were not in the United States Senate. In the meantime Sen. Tillman continues to prod them well day after day about the railway rate bill, to remind them that he is the chairman.

It is amusing to notice the reporters' gullery above the vice president's platform. Often only a few are present, but the moment Tillman begins to take some of the old distinguished senators to task about this bill, a whole company of them will rush out from the inner room, at a moment's notice, and stand gazing at him, evidently expecting a scene. He is very fond of stirring up matters in the Senate, and it is often "the unexpected that happens," for he is a man who does not hesitate to indulge in personalities, it feels like it. When Senator Spooner of Wisconsin was endeavoring to explain the constitutional points of the law in the bill, he was frequently interrupted, and Tillman, thinking to illuminate the subject, asked him various questions, which tended to throw him off the track in his analysis, until at last Senator Spooner asked him where he got his law, as he usually claims he is a confederate lawyer. The next day he called Senator Spooner up for the question and they had a little clash. He told Senator Tillman that he had no right to make statements on the floor that certain senators were employed by the railroads and were railway lawyers; what was his authority for those statements? He replied he had read it in the newspapers, and supposed it was true. Senator Spooner said he should not make such assertions about a senator unless he knew he was correct, referring to his remarks about Senator Knox of Pennsylvania; it was not courteous to claim that he was more patriotic than any other senator on the floor. Senator Teller of Colorado knowing that Senator Spooner was not very well, and realizing that he had been allowed only half his time, owing to frequent interruptions, suggested that they should meet earlier the next morning so he could complete his speech, for many of the senators were desirous to listen to his analysis of the law on several points, which suggestion was carried by a motion and he concluded his arguments to some length the next day. There was a full quota of the senate and a large outside attendance to hear him. It is a common remark that the senators are now trying to thresh out the wheat from the straw in their speeches and the Democrats do not appear to be any better united in their opinions than the

Republicans. Senator Tillman now has Senator Elkins of West Virginia under the hammer he thinks. It remains to be seen how he succeeds as a great reformer.

The House propose to strike out the passage in the legislative bill about age tenure; for many think there is injustice in it. We recently heard of an efficient clerk of 80, a woman who lost her son under Admiral Dewey and a few years later another by a boiler explosion, in the service, and it was said no one would feel like turning out such a faithful, loyal clerk as she is.

A. M. C.  
Washington, D. C. March 29, 1906.

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### Probate of Will.

WARREN W. SANBORN'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1906. An instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Warren W. Sanborn, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, being presented to court by Charlotte M. Sanborn, the executrix therein named, for probate: It is ordered by said court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1906, and show cause if any they may have, against the Probate of said Will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the Caledonian, printed at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing. By the Court, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

A true copy of record, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

### Presentation of Account.

PHINEAS DANFORTH'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 26th day of March, A. D. 1906, John C. Danforth, Administrator upon the Estate of Phineas Danforth, late of St. Johnsbury, in said District, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon, it is ordered by said court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1906, for hearing, and decision thereon. And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.

By the Court, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

### Liberation Notice.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia County, ss. This is to certify that I have this day given my son, James Holloway, his time during the remainder of his minority and shall claim none of his wages nor pay any of his debts made after this date.  
Witness  
CHAS. BURY, his  
W. E. X. Holloway, mark.  
St. Johnsbury, Vt., March 15, 1906.

### Probate of Will.

MARY JANE MACKINNON'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1906. An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Jane Mackinnon, late of Richmond, P. Q., having estate in said St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, being presented to court by Robert Mackinnon, the Executor therein named, for probate: It is ordered by said court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1906, and show cause, if any they may have, against the Probate of said will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the Caledonian, printed at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing.

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### Presentation of Account.

HENRY FARWELL'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1906. An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Farwell, late of Barre, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon, it is ordered by said court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1906, for hearing, and decision thereon. And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.

By the Court, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

### Presentation of Account.

LUCINDA FARWELL'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1906. An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Lucinda Farwell, late of Barre, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon, it is ordered by said court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1906, for hearing, and decision thereon. And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.

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I, M. H. Gibson, of Ryegate, in the County of Caledonia, and State of Vermont, hereby give notice that I am the owner of six (6) shares of capital stock of the Ryegate Creamery Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Vermont, and having its principal office for the transaction of its business at Ryegate, in said county; that said shares of stock are represented by a certificate number twenty-seven (27), dated the 25th day of June, 1898, duly issued by the proper officers of the said corporation to the said John Gibson; that said certificate has been lost or destroyed, therefore, I, the said M. H. Gibson, administrator, hereby advertise the said loss or destruction in accordance with sections 3696, 3697, and 3698 of the Vermont Statutes.

If no other person claims said shares of stock within three months after the expiration of the week ending April 14th, 1906, the said corporation will issue to me a new certificate of said stock in lieu of the one lost or destroyed, in accordance with said sections of the statute, and said corporation will not thereafter be liable on account of said original certificates.

Dated at Ryegate, in said county, this 10th day of March, 1906. M. H. GIBSON, Administrator of the estate of John Gibson.

### Lost or Destroyed.

I, M. H. Gibson, of Ryegate, in the County of Caledonia, and State of Vermont, hereby give notice that I am the owner of (8) eight shares of capital stock of the Ryegate Creamery Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Vermont, and having its principal office for the transaction of its business at Ryegate, in said county; that said shares of stock are represented by a certificate number twenty-three (23) dated the 26th day of June, 1893, duly issued and delivered to me by the proper officers of said corporation; that four (4) shares of said capital stock is represented by a certificate number four (4) dated the 26th day of June, 1893, duly issued and delivered by the proper officers of the said corporation to W. J. Henderson, late of Ryegate, in said county, deceased; that I purchased said last mentioned stock of said W. J. Henderson, during his lifetime, and he assigned, transferred and delivered said certificate to me at the time of said purchase; that said certificates have been lost or destroyed, therefore, I do hereby advertise the said loss or destruction in accordance with sections 3696, 3697 and 3698 of the Vermont Statutes.

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Dated at Ryegate, in said county, this 10th day of March, 1906. M. H. GIBSON.

### Lost or Destroyed.

I, M. H. Gibson, of Ryegate, in the County of Caledonia, and State of Vermont, hereby give notice that I am the owner of six (6) shares of capital stock of the Ryegate Creamery Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Vermont, and having its principal office for the transaction of its business at Ryegate, in said county; that said shares of stock are represented by a certificate number sixty-three (63) for four shares of said stock, and by a certificate number ninety-five (95) for two shares of said stock, duly issued and delivered to me by the proper officers of said corporation; that said certificates have been lost or destroyed, therefore, I do hereby advertise the said loss or destruction in accordance with sections 3696, 3697, and 3698 of the Vermont Statutes.

If no other person claims said shares of stock within three months after the expiration of the week ending April 14th, 1906, the said corporation will issue to me a new certificate of said stock in lieu of the one lost or destroyed, in accordance with said sections of the statute, and said corporation will not thereafter be liable on account of said original certificates.

Dated at Ryegate, in said county, this 10th day of March, 1906. M. H. GIBSON.

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